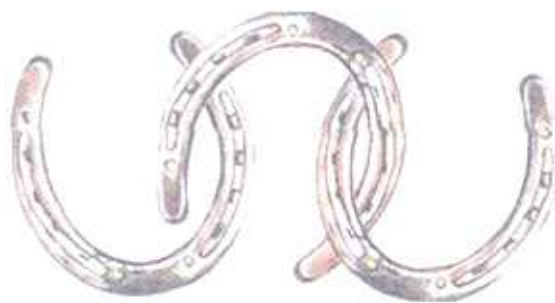


**The Montana Transit Association (MTA) presents . . .**



# **15th Annual Montana Statewide Bus Rodeo**

**June 17, 2006**

**Hampton Inn**

**2301 14th Street S.W.**

**Great Falls, MT 59404**

## **Guide and Registration Form**

## About the Rodeo

■ The Montana Transit Association (MTA) and the Transit Section of the Montana Department of Transportation Bus Rodeo is a one-day competition promoting safety by encouraging and rewarding professional driving skills. This special event provides participants with a positive job-related motivation by emphasizing the important role they play in providing safe and reliable transportation for the citizens of Montana. The Rodeo also encourages camaraderie among the drivers and various transportation providers by the sportsmanship and pride the event fosters.

## Who Should Attend

■ Montana transit drivers, transit providers, board members, elected officials, public agency directors, transportation consultants or anyone involved in providing transit services who would like to participate as a judge.

## Transportation

■ Our hosts, Great Falls Transit, will be providing all necessary transportation to and from the obstacle course at fairgrounds, BBQ and hotel.

**For more information about the Rodeo, please call Lyn at (406) 327-8707**

## How to Register

■ Photocopy the registration form in this brochure and mail it with your check for \$60 (MTA members) before the deadline of June 9, 2006. Registration for non-members is \$75. Current MDT grant recipient **drivers** will be able to request reimbursement for registration and lodging through MDT's RTAP Scholarship Program. (Meals not covered in registration costs and mileage are NOT eligible reimbursable expenses) MTA members may apply for Orval Meyer Scholarships to cover meals and mileage expenses for their drivers.

## Hotel Reservations

■ A block of rooms has been reserved for MTA Rodeo participants. Registrants are responsible for their own lodging reservations.

**Call the Hampton Inn at (406) 453-2675 before May 23, 2006.**

**Please tell them you're with the Montana Transit Group when making your reservation:**  
**Room Rates: \$72 + tax for any of the following:**  
**2 Queen beds**  
**1 King Bed**  
**1 King Bed w/sofa sleeper**

**Important:** The hotel cannot guarantee these room rates after May 23, 2006.

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**2006 MTA Bus Rodeo**  
**Saturday, June 17, 2006**  
**Hampton Inn, Great Falls**  
(Photocopy form, complete photocopy, send it in)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in a separate registration for each person attending from your organization. Registration is not refundable after **June 12, 2006**.

\_\_\_\_ I will attend the MTA Bus Rodeo and compete in:  
Division 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Rookie \_\_\_\_\_ Division 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is my registration fee of:  
**\$60** (MTA members) or  
**\$75** (Non-members).

\_\_\_\_ I will need a T-shirt in size:  
\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_ XXXL

\_\_\_\_ I will be bringing additional people to:  
Lunch @ \$10.00/person - Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
BBQ Dinner @ \$20.00/person - Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Total enclosed**

☐ Check here if you will attend the rodeo but plan to pay upon arrival.

Make check payable to:  
**Montana Transit Association**  
Mail to:  
**MTA Rodeo**  
**Missoula Ravalli TMA**  
**2820 S. Higgins Avenue**  
**Missoula, MT 59801**

Or fax to:  
**(406) 327-8711**  
**Attn: Lyn**

**Registration Deadline is June 9, 2006.**



# 2006 STATE ROADEO

## Division 1 - Full - size bus

Competition for those systems operating full-size buses (no less than 30-feet long) will be conducted in a 35-foot Gillig Phantom bus.

Each provider may select their contestants in any manner they choose. For instance, you may conduct a local competition and send your top three finishers, or you may use work performance or safety records in your selection.

Contestants must be legally licensed to operate a full-size transit bus in passenger service in Montana.

Practice runs will be scheduled beginning at 8:30 A.M. With the driving and written test competition beginning at 1:00 P.M.

To go on to the APTA national event, the contestant must be APTA-eligible.

**Rookie Category in Division 1** - each system may choose one contestant to compete. See back of this flyer for eligibility requirements.

To be APTA eligible, contestant must:

- have been employed as a driver for one (1) year (either full-time or part-time)
- have had NO preventable accidents within the last year prior to the National competition.
- have had acceptable attendance and few, if any miss outs.
- No punitive disciplinary suspension in the past year.

**1st Place: All expense paid trip to National Competition in Nashville, Tennessee May 4-5, 2007**

**2nd Place: \$100.00**

**3rd Place: \$ 50.00**



## Division 2—Paratransit

Paratransit passenger transportation consists of service provided to senior citizens, recipients of social services, persons with disabilities, or the general public.

Competition will be conducted in a Paratransit minibus

Each provider of rural, specialized, or Paratransit passenger transportation services can select two representatives for the Competition by June 10, 2006. However, each system may send more than two participants for the practice portion of the rodeo (non-competitors are not eligible for RTAP scholarship reimbursement) Each system's competitors may be chosen in any manner it chooses.

Practice runs will be scheduled beginning at 8:30 A.M. With the driving and written test competition beginning at 1:00 P.M.

Each contestant must :

- have been employed as a driver for at least six (6) months in paratransit vehicle passenger service in Montana.
- have had NO preventable accidents within the last year prior to the national competition.
- have had acceptable attendance and few, if any miss outs.
- No punitive disciplinary suspension in the past year.

**1st Place: All expense paid trip to National Competition in Reno, Nevad**

**2nd Place: \$100.00**

**3rd Place: \$ 50.00**

## ***Roadeo Schedule\****

### **June 17, 2006**

**8:00 a.m. • Contestant registration**

**8:30 a.m. • Walk Through/Practice begins**

**11:30 a.m. • Practice ends**

**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. • Lunch**

**12:30 - 1:00 p.m. • Judge orientation**

**1:00 p.m. • Roadeo commences**

**4:00 p.m. • Roadeo concludes**

**6:00 • BBQ and award presentations**

*\* all times are tentative and may be adjusted based on participation.*

**MTA Bus Roadeo  
Missoula Ravalli TMA  
2820 S. Higgins Avenue  
Missoula, MT 59801**

## **Division 1 - Full - size bus - Rookie Category**

To be eligible as a Rookie contestant you must:

- have been employed as a driver for one (1) year (either full-time or part-time) but not more than 3 years.
- have had NO preventable accidents within the last year (June 1, 2005-June 1, 2006).
- have had acceptable attendance and few, if any miss outs.
- No punitive disciplinary suspension in the past year (June 1, 2005-June 1, 2006).
- Rookie Category winner is NOT eligible to compete at the APTA national competition.

**1st Place: \$100.00\***

**2nd Place: \$ 50.00\***

**3rd Place: \$ 25. 00\***

**\* If less than three (3) contestants, cash prize may not be awarded.**